

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-102. (Canceled)

103. (Currently Amended) ~~An image searching~~ A camera selecting method
for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a
plurality of cameras, searching a video image using a computer which stores, in
correspondence with a camera, data of subjects in an area capable of being imaged
by the camera for imaging the video image, comprising:

storing plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a
subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can
monitor said subject;

inputting text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for; ~~an inputting~~
~~step of inputting a text or a figure;~~

searching the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has
data corresponding to the text having been inputted; ~~a subject searching step of~~
~~searching said data of subjects by using the text or the figure inputted as a search~~
~~key to specify the subject corresponding to the text or the figure; and~~

selecting one of said plurality of cameras specified by the information
included in the pair of information found by the searching;


~~a video image displaying step of, when the subject fitting the search key is~~
~~specified by the subject searching step, displaying on a display unit a video image~~
~~output from a camera~~ designated by the selecting, which images the subject thus
specified.

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104. (Previously presented) An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein the image displaying step includes a substep of synthesizing a graphics representing the subject thus specified on the video image displayed on the display unit.

105. (Previously presented) An image searching method according to Claim 103, wherein
the inputting step includes a substep of inputting the search key by using voice.

106. (Canceled)

107. (Currently Amended) ~~An image searching~~ A camera selecting apparatus for selecting a camera which can monitor a specific subject from among images of a plurality of cameras, ~~searching a video image using a computer which stores, in correspondence with a camera, data of subjects in an area capable of being imaged by the camera for imaging the video image, comprising:~~

a storage to store plural pairs of information, with each pair including a name of a subject and information specifying at least one of said plurality of cameras which can monitor said subject;

a user-interface to input text indicative of the specific subject to be searched for; ~~a text inputter to input a subject text;~~


a search unit to search the plural pairs of information for a pair of information which has data corresponding to the text having been inputted; ~~a subject search unit~~

~~to search the data of subjects by using the subject text inputted as a search key by
to specify a subject corresponding to the subject text; and~~

a selecting unit to select one of said plurality of cameras specified by the
information included in the pair of information found by the search unit;

a video image searching a display unit to display , when the subject fitting to
the search key is specified by the subject searching unit, an output video camera
image from a camera designated by the selecting unit. ~~which images the subject
thus specified.~~

108. (Canceled)



109. (Previously presented) An image searching apparatus according to
Claim 107, comprising a synthesizing display unit which synthesizes a graphics
representing the subject on the video image searched by the video image searching
unit.

110. (Currently Amended) An image processing defining process,
comprising:

~~a video image displaying step of displaying on a screen~~ a video image being
monitored by inputted from a video camera; on a screen of a display unit;


~~an area designated step of designating an area of the video image on the~~
video image being monitored by the video camera, on the screen used in the
displaying; displayed by the video image displaying step; and

~~a process defining step of~~ process defining by defining an a predetermined
operation process to be executed when an event is executed at the area designated
by the designating operation; and ~~area designating step.~~

storing within a storing unit and in correspondence with the video camera, the
operation process defined by the process defining operation.

111. (Currently Amended) An image processing defining apparatus,
comprising:

a display unit which displays on a screen thereof, a video image being
monitored by ~~inputted from a video camera; on a screen thereof;~~

 an area designating unit which designates an area of the video image on the
video image being monitored by the video camera, on the screen displayed by the
display unit; and

a process defining unit which defines ~~an~~ a predetermined operation process
to be executed when an event is executed at the area designated by the area
designating unit; and

a storing unit which stores, in correspondence with the video camera, the
operation process defined by the process defining unit.
